

WITH THE WOMEN'S CLUBS

Mrs. Heustis Heads American Pen Women.

The League of American Pen Women held the annual business meeting on Monday, May 3, at the Public Library. In the absence of Mrs. Philander P. Claxton, the president, Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Heustis, first vice president, presided. Following the order of business, the officers and the committee chairmen read their reports for the year. Committees reported upon investigations along several lines, those of most general interest being the copyright law as it applies to manuscripts, scenarios and all features pertaining to authorship.

Four new members were elected, making twenty-five since January, and representing ten different States of the Union. Letters from the State representatives were of much interest.

Mrs. Amanda Zander, of Columbus, Neb., who has been attending the D. A. R. Congress, was present and told of an auxiliary she had formed in her home State. She also presented for membership the name of Mrs. Adella Lovejoy Currier, of Clover Hill, St. Edward, Neb., her credentials being her newly published book of poems—"Clover Blossoms," who was duly elected.

Mrs. Bernice Babcock, of Little Rock, Ark., was also elected to membership, as were Alice Lee Mounie, at present in this city, and Mrs. Charlotte Cynthia Barnum, of New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Cora DePuy, of Detroit, Mich., wrote an interesting account of Sarah Sutor Wolverson, also of Detroit, the poet and oldest writer of Michigan, who will celebrate her 89th birthday on May 9, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Brown. The League of American Pen Women elected to honorary membership Mrs. Wolverson, sending greetings and congratulations.

California leads all the States in newly added members, nine having been presented and elected at the previous meeting.

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, a long-time member of the League of American Pen Women, was unanimously re-elected to the School Board of the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Heustis was elected president for the ensuing year by a ringing vote. Mrs. Heustis has been enthusiastic in her energies for the League. Miss Jessie A. Griswold was elected first vice president; Miss Ruth May Norcross, second vice president; Mrs. Anna Sanborn Hamilton, recording secretary; Mrs. Della Hine Mertz, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Buckingham Thompson, assistant corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Harry Cunningham, treasurer; Mrs. Mary M. North, of Herndon, Va.,

auditor; Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, librarian; Mrs. Virginia King Frye, historian; Mrs. Leigh Chalmers, reporter; Mrs. Philander P. Claxton, the retiring president, was elected the State representative of the District of Columbia.

State representatives are Mrs. Rosa Myers Muma and Mrs. Martha Templeton for Alabama; Mrs. Cornelia Templeton for Alaska; Mrs. Bernice Babcock, Arkansas; Mrs. Nellie Blessing Eyster, California (northern); Mrs. Florence Haines-Reed, California (southern); Miss Jennie Chaplin, Colorado; Miss Elizabeth Todd Nash, Connecticut; Mrs. P. P. Claxton, Mrs. Hachel Tongate Beck and Mrs. Annie A. Wilder for the District of Columbia; Mrs. Lewis B. Safford, Florida; Miss Eugenia Estolera, Mrs. Katherine M. Yates, Hawaii; Mrs. Eleanor Everest Freer, Illinois; Miss Emilie B. Stapp, Iowa; Mrs. Zylla Moore Cardin, Kentucky; Mrs. Byron Holley, Louisiana; Mrs. C. R. Miller, Maryland; Mrs. Alice H. Christopher, Massachusetts; Mrs. E. Cora DePuy, Michigan; Miss Anna Dreyfus, Minnesota; Mrs. Mary L. Xandess, Nebraska; Miss Homoselle Mason, New Hampshire; Mrs. Mary M. Wynn, New Jersey; Mrs. Grace Gallatin Seaton, New York (eastern); Mrs. Maria Frink, New York (western); Mrs. Virginia Saffel Mercer, Ohio; Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, Oregon; Mrs. Mattie Hamilton Fitch, Oklahoma; Mrs. Dora Harvey Devlin, Pennsylvania (eastern); Mrs. Mary Temple Jamison, Pennsylvania (western); Mrs. Ruth Everett Beck, Philippine Islands; Mrs. Mary Ligon Miller, South Carolina; Mrs. Zillah E. Wilson, South Dakota; Mrs. Katherine P. Haden and Mrs. Ida Clyde Clarke, Tennessee; Mrs. Henrie C. L. Gorman, Texas; Mrs. Lucy Atkinson Dudley and Mrs. Mary M. North, Virginia; Mrs. Laura E. Brown-Smith, Washington; Mrs. Vivian A. B. Henderson, Wyoming; Mrs. Christine Walton Dunlap, at-large; Mrs. Belle Harpster Harness, England; Mrs. Alice Northrup Evans, Ireland.

The historian, Mrs. Virginia King Frye, read the yearly report of the activities of the members, giving the increased membership and enumerating many splendid successes of the members. The Pacific Coast members seem to have been especially active. Mrs. Florence Haines-Reed in addition to other successes has had several plays accepted by well-known managers.

Miss G. A. Pierce has with her achievements of grand proportions. Like her "Judith of Bethulia" and other Scriptural subjects, is now collaborating with Dr. Richard Burton, the famous traveler.

Mrs. Josephine Martin, of San Francisco; Mrs. Emma Livingston Reed, Dorothy Willis, Elise Smith, Trueblood

and Alice Feasenden Peterson, well-known Los Angeles journalists; Ines Townsend Fribit, illustrator, and Freida Peyche, whose planquette evenings are a feature of the Pacific Coast entertainments.

In New York, Sophie Irene Loeb continues her work on the "World," being especially active in behalf of the mothers' pension bill and its workings.

Kathleen Hills, of Leslie's Weekly's staff, conducts a sparkling theatrical page and a travel department.

Among local writers, Mrs. Julie Barnes Martin has turned playwright, having three "dramatic skits" accepted in New York and several in London; Mrs. Anna B. Sloan has a series of articles on vocational training, running in one of the Washington papers, beside doing much magazine work.

Miss Ruth Mae Norcross is doing able work on the letter of the Haakim Bureau Syndicate appearing in a Washington daily. Mrs. Florence Willard Day is writing a weekly series on "New Thought" for a local paper.

Miss Lee Mounie is publishing some interesting travel sketches of the Dardanelles and other localities hazardous to visit at present. Her "Delightful Dalmatian" and "Life in Constantinople" are most interesting.

Along educational lines, Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes and Mrs. Edith Kinman Kern are giving much time and thought to their duties upon the School Board. Mrs. Rhodes has several books nearly ready for the press. Mrs. Jean Downey is doing some able and ambitious work, educationally, with her pen. Miss Ina Capitola Emery has in the hands of the Harpers a most unique volume along literary and educational lines.

The Congress of the D. A. R. brought a number of league members to the Capital, among them being Mrs. Dora Harvey Devlin, of Philadelphia, who has in press a wonderful journal of her grand mother, written in 1898, and full of the local color of those stirring times. Mrs. Amanda Zander, correspondent of the "Columbia Journal" (Nebraska), also attended the D. A. R. as did Mrs. Marion Longfellow, niece of the poet, and herself a well-known writer and translator, and a former president of the league, but now of Boston.

Among Local Clubs

The Woman's Single Tax Club held its regular monthly meeting last Monday night at the home of Mrs. M. C. Lohr, 73 Eleventh street southeast. Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, president, was in the chair.

Miss Frances S. Crosby and Mrs. M. C. Lohr were elected delegates to the National Conference of Charities and Correction to be held in Baltimore, May 12 to 15 inclusive. Mrs. Jessie L. Lane was appointed one of the delegates to

the conference to represent the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs.

Miss M. C. Garst gave a very interesting account of her trip through Switzerland and Italy, and of several months' stay in London. Mr. H. Martin Williams gave a talk on the single tax.

Mrs. Lohr presented each one present with a bunch of lilies of the valley. The lily was adopted as the club flower in memory of Miss Lily A. Ross, who passed away last December.

Among those present were Mrs. L. N. Fouts, Mrs. A. B. Swords, Mrs. Julia A. Thompson, Miss Julia Woodward, Mrs. M. J. Clarke, Mrs. B. F. Linds, Miss Frances S. Crosby, Mrs. W. D. Mackenzie, Miss M. C. Garst, Mrs. E. Shields, Miss Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shidy, Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, Mrs. B. T. McCartney, Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, Mr. B. Pickman Mann, Mr. Hornberger, Mr. H. Martin Williams, Mr. W. W. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Lohr.

On Monday night, May 10, Mr. Western Starr, of Maryland, will address the public meeting of the club at the Public Library on "The Prophets of Democracy." The public is cordially invited.

Under the auspices of the Washington League of Thinking and Right Living, another of the series of open meetings will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the league's rooms, 1219 Connecticut avenue. The speaker at these meetings is Mrs. Vance Cheney, of New York, and her subject on this occasion will be "The Vital Relationship of Health and Happiness to Our Concept of God."

"The Allegory—A Field for the Reader," was the subject considered at the last meeting of the Washington Readers' Club on Tuesday evening, June 3, at 8 p. m., when Miss Clarine McCarty, the brilliant pianist, will give a musical, assisted by other artists.

The annual outing in celebration of the Anthony League's birth three years ago, will take place the first Saturday in July under the trees at Forest Glen. Plans are being made to produce a short play, at this time, which was written by a student in the league's English class.

The Anthony League was fully represented at the recent annual meetings of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, and was proud of the report read by its president, Mrs. Anna E. Hendley. At its regular business meeting last Thursday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Anna E. Hendley, president; Mrs. Nanette B. Paul, vice president; Mrs. Evangeline Dunlop, recording secretary; Mrs. T. Avery, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Perkins, auditor, and Mrs. C. W. Fitts, delegate to the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs.

In the Alps there is a letter box 10,000 feet above the sea level, from which daily collections are made.

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Activities of District D. A. R. Chapters.

Patriots Memorial Chapter held its annual meeting Tuesday, May 4, at the home of the regent, Mrs. Edward B. Olney. Annual reports were read by all officers showing a year of financial success and fine patriotic work accomplished. Mrs. Smallwood spoke of the school which the chapter had started last year by a gift of \$500 as a nucleus for the education of the children of revolutionary ancestors in the South. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. George P. Conroy, regent; first vice regent, Mrs. Paul R. Hickok; second vice regent, Miss Lillian Norton; recording secretary, Miss Mary Catherine Dent; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Curry; treasurer, Mrs. Douglas; historian, Miss Norton; chaplain, Mrs. Smith.

Columbia Chapter, D. A. R., met recently at the home of Mrs. Lyman B. Swormstedt. The chapter voted five dollars for the night schools for foreigners under the auspices of the Society of Jewish Women. Mrs. Swormstedt, Mrs. Barber, and Miss Laura Virginia Walker were elected members of the council to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mrs. Virginia Yost Brown and Miss Nellie Mack, and the transfer from the chapter of Mrs. Mary S. Patrick. The historian, Mrs. H. L. Dean, read a paper on "John Paul Jones."

Cercle Des Precieuses Ridicules.

The closing seance of the forty-second year of the Cercle Des Precieuses Ridicules was held at Mile Prudhomme's. Remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by the president, M. Becker, and one of the hostess' bright careers was followed by an interesting address of Prof. Lazard on "L'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur." The Cercle resumes its meetings in November.

More than 400 patents have been issued by the United States for devices intended to harness the power of sea waves.

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